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US STUDENT SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS HARD LABOR IN N. KOREA

North Korea's supreme court sentenced American student Otto Warmbier, who was arrested while visiting the country, to 15 years of hard labor on Wednesday for crimes against the state. Warmbier, a 21-year-old University of Virginia student, was detained in January for trying to steal an item bearing a propaganda slogan from his hotel in Pyongyang, North Korean media said previously. "The accused confessed to the serious offense against the DPRK he had committed, pursuant to the U.S. government's hostile policy toward it, in a bid to impair the unity of its people after entering it as a tourist," the state-controlled KCNA news agency reported, using the acronym for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. REUTERS

BELGIUM NAMES DEAD GUNMAN

2 Belgian authorities identified the gunman killed in a raid targeting suspects in the Paris attacks as a 35-year-old Algerian and said police had detained two others while finding an Islamic State flag at the scene. Investigators believe much of the planning and preparation for the Nov. 13 shooting and bombing rampage in Paris that killed 130 people was conducted in Brussels by young French and Belgian nationals, some of whom fought as militants in Syria. On Tuesday, six Belgian and French police officers arrived to search a flat in a Brussels suburb and came under a barrage of automatic weapons fire through a door from at least two people barricaded inside, injuring four officers. A special forces sniper shot dead gunman Mohamed Belkaid when he tried to fire at police from a window, prosecutors said. REUTERS

DC COMMUTERS FIGHT TRAFFIC AMID SUBWAY SHUTDOWN

3 Washington, D.C.-area commuters battled heavy traffic in cars, on bicycles and aboard crowded buses on Wednesday as the second-busiest U.S. subway system shut down for emergency safety checks. Some of the estimated 700,000 people who ride the Washington-area Metro system on a typical weekday complained that they had little time to prepare after the unprecedented shutdown was announced late on Tuesday afternoon. It is intended to give safety crews time to inspect 600 underground cables that could pose a fire risk. The shutdown also raised concerns about the safety of a system that has long been plagued by smoky tunnels, breakdowns and deadly accidents. REUTERS

A rendering of Schuylkill Bluffs Park SKIDMORE, OWINGS & MERRILL LLP

30th St. Station District Plan gets put to public

The fourth of five open houses took place Wednesday at 30th Street Station, gauging feedback on a 25-year plan for the West Philly area.

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A rendering of the pedestrian and bike bridge at Race Street.

In order to stay on par with the transportation hubs in other major cities on the East Coast, Philadelphia's 30th Street Station is undergoing a major overhaul, and Wednesday marked the fourth of five public meetings to devise a massive plan for the West Philly district.

Philadelphians at Wednesday's meeting seemed to feel it was high time the city got on board with transit progress seen throughout the rest of the nation.

"You could do that in Washington, D.C. You could do that in Boston. You could do that in New York City, but you couldn't do that here, and it just makes us look small-time compared to the other major East Coast cities," said Frank Innes of Philadelphia, a commuter and attendant at Wednesday's open house at 30th Street Station.

"I think it's great that this is happening. I'm really looking forward to being able to walk from here to the subway or the trolley without going outside. These are necessary improvements," he said.

"We've got a lot of really interesting opportunity in this city and it's time to step it up a little bit."
Niles

The 30th Street Station District Plan was launched in the summer of 2014 and designed to be a long-range, master vision for the future of 30th Street Station led by Amtrak, Drexel University, Brandywine Realty Trust, the Pennsylvania Dept. of Transportation and SEPTA, to be completed in the year 2040.

Renderings released to the public Tuesday gave a glimpse of the plan.

Some of its objectives are to make 30th Street Station a 21st century hub with multiple modes of transportation and new connections to surrounding neighborhoods and the Schuylkill River that include a bridge between Center City and University City.

Thus far, the plan's organizers have held four open houses since January 2015. The next step is to put out a final district plan this summer.

"This is extraordinarily positive," said David Niles, a resident of Marion Station.

"What I see here is more of a Union Station in Washington, D.C., which is an incredible facility. You get people to come and stay, versus passing through. Before Brandywine built Cira Centre, we were the last remaining major city in the country that didn't develop the western side of the river. We've got a lot of really interesting opportunity in this city and it's time to step it up a little bit."

The study boundaries encompass approximately 640 acres bounded by 22nd Street, Walnut Street, 36th Street, Spring Garden Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Craig Schulz, a spokesman for Amtrak, said there's not exactly a financing plan that's "ready for public consumption." It's still conceptual, he said.

"It's a two-year, long-range study that wraps up in the summer. The goal is to develop a long-term, comprehensive vision for the 30th Street Station district, including the rail yard.

"This is the fourth of five open houses where we've solicited feedback from the public — from the neighbors who live in the area, people who use the station, commuters, different stakeholders, and we've incorporated all those comments. It looks out onto a 25- to 40-year horizon and includes a mix of short-term, near-term immediate gratification projects that can be done in a short time frame. … We've gotten to a point now where we're up to a draft vision and the next step is taking the feedback we get [Wednesday] and incorporating it into a final document."

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Bacterial meningitis infection kills George Washington Carver High School student

A Philadelphia public school student has died of bacterial meningitis, 6ABC Philadelphia reported.

His classmates learned of his sudden death on Tuesday.

The unidentified 15-year-old freshman at George Washington Carver High School of Engineering and Science at 16th and Norris streets died in an area hospital, Philly.com reported.

The young man was described by a district spokesman as "well-liked and very well-known. He was part of the basketball team. Students were very saddened and shocked by his passing."

Grief counseling and support was made available to students at the school on Wednesday, and letters have gone out to parents notifying them to be on the lookout for emotional stress in their children and providing information on the illness.

The disease is not as easily transmitted as the cold or flu, and those "who have shared a classroom, lunch table or bus with the victim are not considered at risk," 6ABC explained. "Only those who have had very close contact, such as kissing or living in the same house, are considered potentially at risk of infection." MATTHEW LEE

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Philadelphia area popular for hipster home flippers

It's hip to flip in Philly. FILE PHOTO

Philadelphia had five ZIP codes in the top 30 of young home-flipper profitability.

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A new report that examined home-flipping totals measured against the average age of nearby residents has shown the Philadelphia area to be popular with younger people looking to remake older homes.

The report, released by RealtyTrac, identified the top 30 ZIP codes that returned profitable investments on flipped homes and were also sufficiently "hipster," meaning they had a large population aged 20 to 34 that has increased in recent years.

Philadelphia had five ZIP codes in the top 30 of young home-flipper profitability, and nearby suburbs Ardmore and Upper Darby were also on the list, bringing the greater area to claim seven of the 30 best ZIPs for hipsters flipping houses.

"Many of the hipster hot spots are urban core neighborhoods with plenty of older homes in need of major renovation," the report stated.

The percentage of the population that walks or uses public transportation to go to work and the average flipping returns in the past year were also factors considered by RealtyTrac in assembling the list.

"Hipsters typically aren't looking for just any place to live; they are looking for a place that matches their particular vision of what a city, a neighborhood and a home should look, sound, feel, smell and taste like," RealtyTrac stated in the report. "When they find that vision, they are willing to pay a premium to experience it, which represents a boon for home flippers operating in those areas appealing to the hipster aesthetic."

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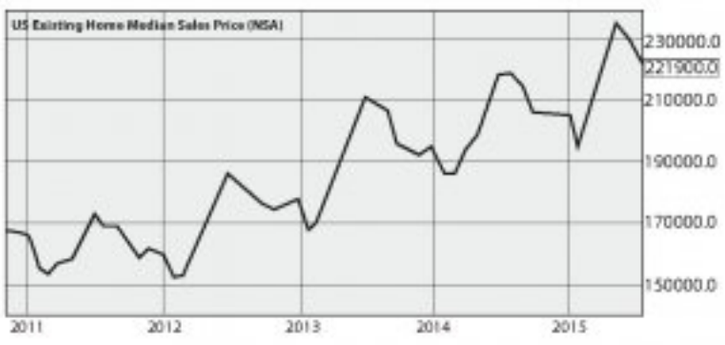

For many senior citizens, their home is their single biggest asset, often accounting for more than 50% of their net worth.

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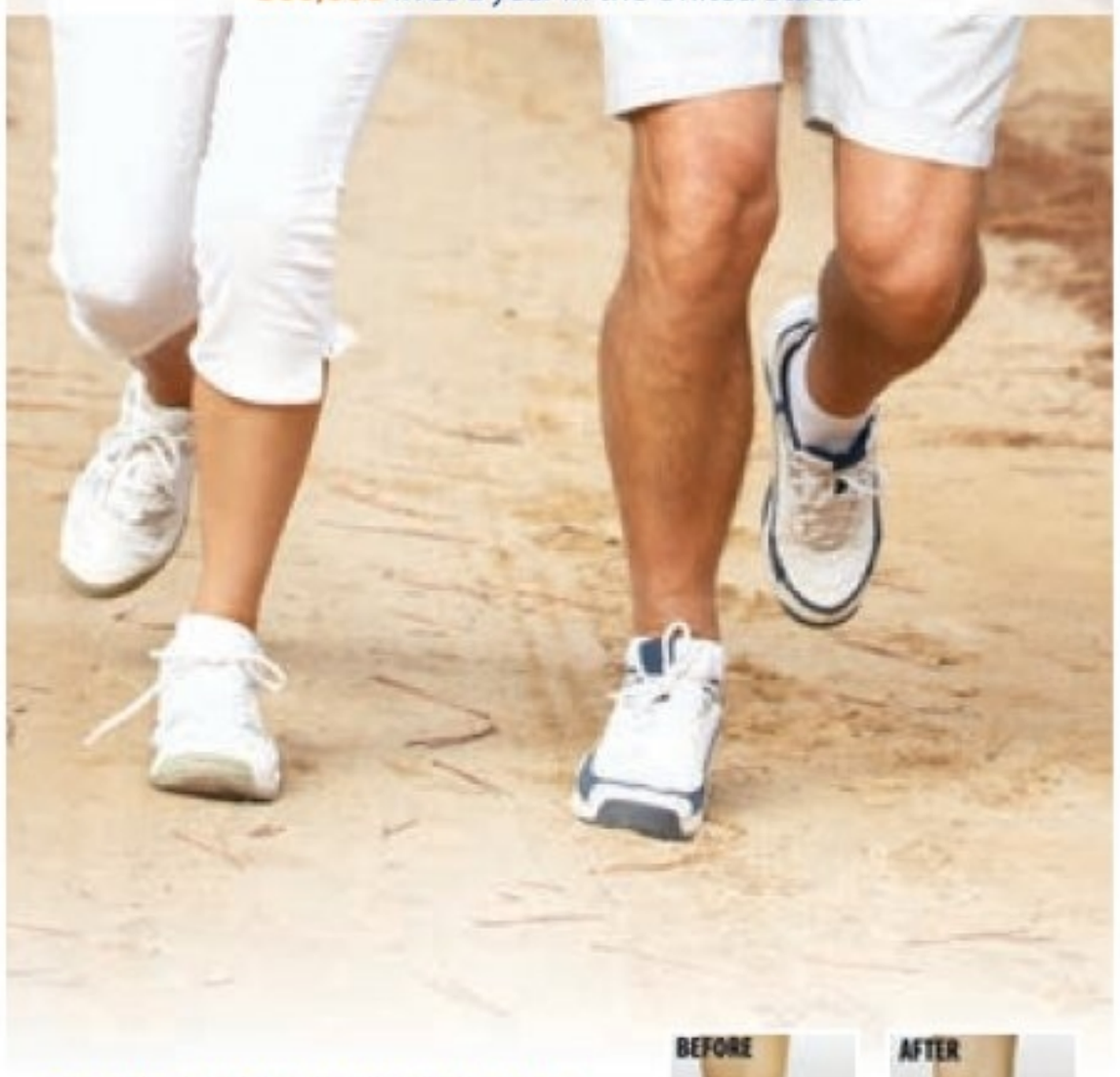

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Joyce Levitt, shown below, is charged with theft of hundreds of thousands of dollars. ISTOCK

Ex-Visit Philadelphia CFO charged with theft, embezzlement

Joyce Levitt was in charge of the organization's books for many years, and DA Seth Williams brought down the hammer Wednesday.

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A woman who worked for a Philadelphia tourism organization has been charged with theft, receiving stolen property, forgery and fraud, District Attorney Seth Williams announced Wednesday morning.

Joyce Levitt, 62, former chief financial officer of Visit Philadelphia, is accused of embezzling $200,000 from Visit Philadelphia – money she spent on expensive furs and fancy restaurants – while she worked there from 2005 through 2012.

"Visit Philadelphia let Joyce Levitt watch the ledger books and $200,000 of the agency's money charged out the door," Philadelphia DA Seth Williams said in a news release.

"Thank you to the men and women of my Economic and Cyber Crime Unit and the investigating grand jury who, like me, are disgusted by Joyce Levitt's embezzlement of money that was meant to benefit the people and city of Philadelphia — and not her lifestyle."

Visit Philadelphia was formerly known as the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation, a nonprofit organization promoting leisure and travel to the five-county Philadelphia region.

It was created in 1996 by the city, commonwealth and Pew Charitable Trusts and its primary funding comes from the city's hotel tax.

According to the District Attorney's Office, Levitt was hired in 2003 and worked her way up the chain of command to become to organization's CFO two years later. She became privy to the organization's cash flow in September 2005 and was exposed when an article in the Philadelphia Inquirer outed her in 2014.

Williams said Levitt's embezzlement occurred

from September 2005 through February 2012 and once the DA's office was made aware, he initiated a grand jury investigation. The investigation revealed that Levitt allegedly embezzled $118,806 by charging personal expenses to her corporate credit card and used Visit Philadelphia's corporate checks to pay for her personal Visa card bills. During the time period of June 2007 through April 2011, Levitt wrote 20 checks totaling $83,632. She was able to write these checks to Visa with a signature stamp used without permission.

Williams said Levitt turned herself in Wednesday and will appear in court once a date is set for a preliminary hearing.

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Judge denies Fattah's request to dismiss case

A federal judge rejected a bid from U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah's legal team to dismiss the racketeering conspiracy charges he currently faces, setting the stage for his upcoming trial.

U.S. District Judge Harvey Bartle III said nothing in the Philadelphia politician's indictment undermined the congressional privilege known as the "speech and debate" clause, which was cited by Fattah's lawyers as grounds to dismiss the case, Philly.com reported

The "speech and debate" clause prevents prosecutors from holding lawmakers criminally responsible for their legislative acts, Philly.com added.

Bartle stated in his ruling quoted by Philly.com that "nothing in this indictment threatens the independence of Congressman Fattah acting in his legislative capacity. None of the present allegations, whether viewed separately or together, describes a legislative act."

Rep. Chaka Fattah FILE PHOTO

This is not the first time in recent months that the judge has rejected a request from Fattah's legal team. Late in January, District Judge Bartle denied a request from Fattah's attorneys to be removed from the congressman's corruption case because they alleged Fattah was not making good on his payments to them, CBS reported.

Fattah's case, which concerns allegations that the congressman accepted bribes from a lobbyist looking for access to the White House and that he misused charitable contributions, is slated to go to trial in May, according to Philly.com. JASON NUCKOLLS

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Neglected horse found riddled with paintballs in Lancaster Co.

Pennsylvania animal cruelty authorities are investigating the discovery of an abandoned horse that had been shot with approximately 130 paintball rounds.

Employees at the New Holland Sales Stables discovered the animal on Monday, Lancaster County SPCA Executive Director Susan Martin said to Lancaster Online, which added that, besides showing the paintball remnants, the 20-year-old horse was also underweight when found.

ABC PHILADELPHIA

"It was definitely in a substantial amount of pain when touched," Martin was quoted by Lancaster Online.

The horse was not part of Monday's sale and did not have any identification, 6ABC Philadelphia stated in a related report.

Martin told Lancaster Online that the animal appeared to be an Appaloosa/Arabian pony mix, and it was blind in its right eye.

The horse was taken to a facility operated by the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine, where it was expected to survive after a long recovery, according to 6ABC.

Anyone with information should contact the Lancaster County SPCA at 717-917-6979 or email information to info@lancasterspca.org, Lancaster Online added. JASON NUCKOLLS

BRIEFS

Kensington man busted for suspected cockfighting

A Kensington man is facing 14 felony counts of animal fighting in an alleged case of cockfighting after more than two dozen birds were found at his home, officials said.

Juan Reyes is also charged with six misdemeanor counts of possession of animal fighting paraphernalia, according to the Pennsylvania SPCA. The charges were held over for trial at a preliminary hearing Wednesday.

The case was uncovered when PSPCA officers were in Reyes' neighborhood investigating an unrelated case and spotted birds dressed for fighting inside his yard, along with evidence that there were additional birds inside the property.

On March 1, the PSPCA's humane law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at his residence on North Lee Street, where they found 36 birds — including fighting roosters and hens — and fighting paraphernalia.

All of the birds were seized and taken to the PSPCA's headquarters, where they were evaluated. The hens and juvenile roosters who were able to be rehabilitated were sent to rescues.

Previously, paraphernalia could only be used as supporting evidence in an animal fighting case, but now merely possessing these items is considered a crime, according to the PSPCA.

CRISTABELLE TUMOLA

School bully suspended after he's caught on camera slapping another student

School officials in Chester-Upland School District have suspended a student whose bullying was caught on camera, NBC10 Philadelphia reported.

The video of the incident shows a 10-year-old student at Main Street Elementary School in Brookhaven being repeatedly slapped by the bully.

ABC Philly reported that the video was recorded by a child who was "afraid to get involved, but wanted to be able to prove what was happening."

The mother of the victim, who spoke to NBC10, said the video broke her heart.

"It hurts me to my bone to see another child hurt another child so bad like that. He was really afraid and he would beg me and plead with me to go to that school because he said that once the kids knew there would be consequences."

Now, as a result of the video, the school district has taken action by not only suspending the bully, but by placing the victim in another school.

"Bullying is cruel, unacceptable conduct, and we will not tolerate it anywhere within the jurisdiction of the district schools, including — by extension — our school buses," Superintendent Gregory Shannon said in a statement.

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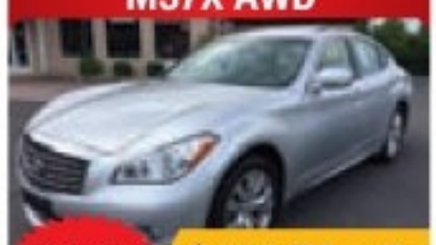
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Ohio Gov. Kasich hosts town hall at Villanova University

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Kasich held a town hall meeting at the university following an invitation from the school's Student Government Association, according to 6ABC Philadelphia. The night before Kasich beat all other Republican candidates in his home time — allowing him to continue in the presidential race.

During the town hall, Kasich said he is strongly anti-abortion and against medical marijuana and when question about tackling ISIS, he said

John Kasich GETTY IMAGES

America would have to take care of the issue, 6ABC reported.

"We're going to have to be in the air, and then we're going to have to be on the ground, and Americans are going to have to be there. You know why? Because nobody else is going to do this," Kasich said, according to 6ABC.

The governor also criticized candidate Donald Trump's plan to ban Muslim individuals from coming into the country, Philly Voice reported.

Kasich also criticized the American government saying that it is "stuck," according to Philly Voice.

Other topics at the town hall meeting surrounded transportation, energy, and creating outreach to minorities.

Although the Ohio governor won in his home state, 6ABC said, it is difficult for Kasich to win a majority of delegates before the national GOP convention this July.

Trump led the way through his win in Florida, North Carolina and Illinois, Philly Voice reported. ANGY ALTAMIRANO

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Cybercriminals snap up expired domains to serve malicious ads

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Expired domain names are becoming the latest route for cybercriminals to find their way into the computers of unsuspecting users.

Cybercriminals launched a malicious advertising campaign this week targeting visitors of popular news and entertainment websites after gaining ownership of an expired web domain of an advertising company.

Users visiting the websites of the New York Times, Newsweek, BBC and AOL, among others, may have installed malware on their computers if they clicked on the malicious ads.

Bresntsmedia.com, the website used by hackers to serve up malware, expired on Jan. 1 and was registered again on March 6 by a different buyer, security researchers at Trustwave SpiderLabs wrote in a blog.

Buying the domain of a small but legitimate ad company provided the criminals with high quality traffic from popular websites that publish their ads directly, or as affiliates of other ad networks, the researchers said.

New York Times spokesman Jordan Cohen said the company was investigating if the attack had any impact. "To be clear, this is impacting ads from third parties that are beyond our control."

Newsweek, BBC and AOL could not be immediately reached for comment.

The researchers also found two more expired "media"-related domains — envangmedia.com and markets.shangjiamedia.com — used by the same cybercriminals.

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Fred Beans' pre-owned inventory levels need to be reduced to make room for shipments of new models arriving daily. As a result, **all 8 Fred Beans Doylestown locations are selling these overstocked pre-owned vehicles to the public at drastic discounts in an attempt to clear excess inventory**.

Along with this huge variety of pre-owned vehicles, the Fred Beans Family of Dealerships in Doylestown features new Ford, Lincoln, Mitsubishi, Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, Hyundai, Nissan, Subaru, Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick, and GMC vehicles.

Fred Beans believes reviving the economy starts at home, and changing things locally will lead to changing things nationally.

Along with the Fred Beans Family of Dealerships' extra inventory, additional vehicles have been acquired at incredible prices for this sale from various banks, repossession companies, auto auctions, credit unions, lease companies, and rental companies.

The sale will make pre-owned vehicles available for as low as **$999**,* prices not normally offered to the general public. According to Fred Beans, ***"We want to give our customers a reason to believe in the local economy again. Someone has to look out for their best interest."***

Customers are encouraged to arrive and register by 8:15AM to inspect the entire inventory and find the car that's right for them. Every vehicle will be cleaned, detailed, and fully prepared for instant delivery. On the evening of March 18th, after the close of business, Mr. Beans and his team will mark the special sale price on each and every vehicle. Because Fred Beans' customers are feeling the credit crunch right now, the Fred Beans Automotive Group has given the dealerships' financing managers the resources necessary to get most customers' credit approved on the spot.

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Jennifer Garner doesn't want your pity

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Yes, Ben Affleck has a big superhero movie coming out next week, so he's doing a lot of interviews that inevitably lead to mentions of his split from Jennifer Garner. But she also has a movie coming out, which is why, following that in-depth Vanity Fair interview, she's not quite done offering glimpses into what the last year of her life has been like. For instance, the "Today" show's Savannah Guthrie observed that it must be extra difficult to "go through something like that in the public eye" — without a hint of irony! But Garner doesn't want pity. "You know what? It's not easy to go through it, period. I have found going through it in the public eye, it's just another facet of it," she says. "For anyone, when your life shifts in any way, it's tricky enough. But I have found people to be so warm and loving that it hasn't been nearly as bad as you might imagine."

Celine Dion reacts strongly to impersonation

Did you see Ariana Grande's amazing run of impressions of other singers on "Saturday Night Live"? Lots of people did, and they were pretty impressed — if a little freaked out by the apparent witchcraft. This wasn't the singer's first time letting everyone in on her unusual talent. Grande also did a round of singing impressions with Jimmy Fallon, and much like in her "SNL" stint, her Celine Dion was one of the strongest. And you know who totally agrees? Ms. Dion herself. Grande relayed a bit of oversharing from the Quebecois crooner in an interview with iHeart Radio's Elvis Duran. "When I met Celine, she told me," Grande says. "She was like, 'When I saw you [on Fallon], I peed!'" That escalated quickly.

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Geek Girl in Hollywood

Jenna Busch takes on the way pop culture snubs its female fans. For more columns, visit Metro.us/jenna-busch as well as her site, Legion of Leia (Legionofleia.com).

On "Black Sails," Hannah New plays saloon owner Eleanor Guthrie — one of several strong female characters on the Starz pirate show. STARZ

When I get asked about which shows I watch, I get looks of surprise when I say "The Good Wife" since it's not geeky. I get nods of understanding when I say "Agent Carter," "Star Wars Rebels" and "Game of Thrones." (The cooking shows make people laugh, but that might be because I make everything in the microwave.) However, when I say "Black Sails," people constantly respond with, "Oh, I keep meaning to start watching that one!" Guys, *start watching that one*!

I marathoned the Starz series last year and was hooked in one episode. The series is loosely based on the story of the pirate Long John Silver and his fellow plunderers. Of course, everyone loves pirates, but this one grabbed me not because of actual piracy but because of the way it handles the history of Nassau island and the struggle to create a world that reflects how you want to live.

OK, maybe the actual history of the place didn't work out so well for the pirates, but you can't deny that defying a superpower like England to try to have a free-ish society is a compelling story. It's fascinating to watch how people who would have been considered the dregs of society back home have carved out a city where they can do as they like. The madam of the island has more power than many dukes. A woman is running the joint. It's a society where you can start out as a minor thief or a deckhand and rise to power, captaining your own ship. It's a brutal life and a dangerous profession (and not exactly all that moral), but who doesn't love watching pirates?

The performances, the sets — everything is compelling. It's pretty racy though. This isn't one to watch with the kiddies, but that's what makes it work. This is no sanitized "Pirates of the Caribbean." It's dirty. It's gritty. There is lots and lots of sex. Honestly, how do you do a show about pirates without that?

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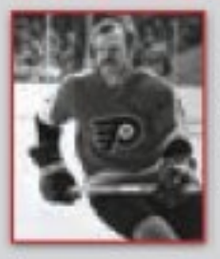

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Getting Busy

The actress channels Marie Kondo in a new short for LOFT.

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No joke: Busy Philipps couldn't be busier.

While preparing for her role on HBO's upcoming comedy series "Vice Principles" with Danny McBride, the 36-year-old actress also stars in her second charmingly quirky video short for LOFT debuting online Thursday.

In the short, the "Cougar Town" alumna fully preps for the spring season — test driving Marie Kondo's method of decluttering and taking a ride on a kiddie-size swing set. Philipps had complete creative control of the short, and says it's a reflection of her real life popping up on the small screen.

"We've been in the middle of a giant house renovation for the last 10 months," the mother of two shares. "With the upstairs done, it's been a lot of putting things away and going through my daughters' clothes and paring down what doesn't fit them anymore and going through my own clothes."

While it might seem like an organizational nightmare, Philipps is confident she'll get through it. "My only issue [is that] I come from a family of collectors. I won't say hoarders," she admits. "And I can make the case for a lot of things bringing me joy. I recently found a part of cargo shorts that I've had since seventh grade and they still fit. I still wear them while gardening and I kind of refuse to get rid of them."

But what else is she holding onto this season? No surprise here — it's a classic: "I love a pair of white sneakers. They're very versatile," says Philipps. "And for me, when I'm in the city, it's really hard to wear sandals. For me, Soludos are really cute. They feel like you're wearing a sandal, but your feet aren't getting dirty."

Meanwhile, Philipps is also gearing up for "Vice Principals," in which she'll be playing Gail, the ex-wife of a high school's vice principal. Compared to her "Cougar Town" character — neighborhood novelty cake enthusiast, Laurie Keller — Philipps says Gail is a too much of a stretch.

"They're diametrically opposed. They're two sides of the same coin. They're a little bit, there's not a nice way of saying this — they're white trash," she explains. But the excitement is still there. "It was nice after playing Laurie, who I loved, and going to a show where I can do something different."

"Vice Principles" premieres on HBO in July; but you can check out Philipps' stylish spring cleaning short on LOFT.com now.

Behind the scenes with Busy Philipps on the set of her second stylish short premiering today on LOFT.com. COURTESY OF LOFT

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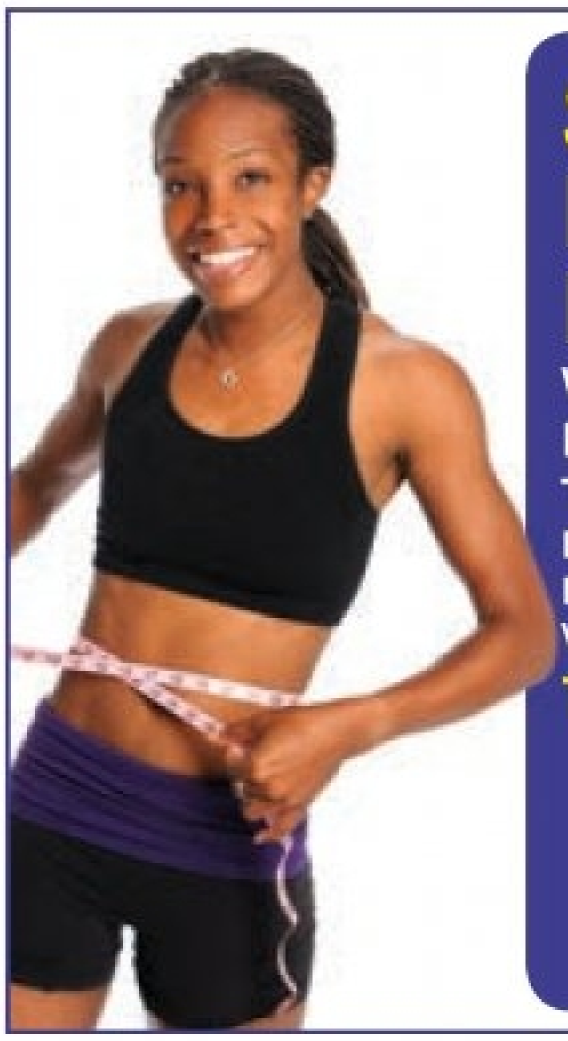

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The customizable pizza chain opened up its first Philly location just a few weeks back, packing in lunchtime clientele with personal pies (gluten-free or regular) that can be topped to your heart's content for $7.99. The ingredients at Snap are organic whenever possible, and infinitely fresher than what you'll find at a corner slice joint. Of course, if you're not feeling the carbs, custom salads and grain bowls are also on the menu.

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Snapkitchen.com

This grab-and-go Austin import has opened four Philadelphia area locations. Prepped in a commissary in Kensington, the shelves of each location are stocked with freshly made, gluten-free fare like chicken chile enchiladas with paleo tortillas or coconut shrimp with organic brown rice and spinach. Meals are rounded out with bottles of green juice and cold-brew coffee. Another guilt-free hook to Snap Kitchen: its formed a partnership with Philabundace, a local food charity who delivers their day-old fare to people in need.

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Honeygrow.com

Chef David Katz recently took over as culinary director at this local stir-fry and salad chain and made over the menu. New additions include a Philly roast pork-inspired noodle bowl with a beer au jus, baby spinach and shaved asiago; and a tomato miso kale salad with spicy roasted tofu, apples, beets, radishes and sesame sticks for crunch.

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From $35, Kimmelcenter.org
PostSecret is a website and movement that allows people to anonymously share their untold secrets. Using submitted secrets, this show will use audience participation to create a crowd-sourced narrative to give the history of some of these incredible secrets. A Saturday matinee of the show will be ASL interpreted.

STYLE

Miss Earth United States Regional Pageant

Saturday through March 20
Various locations
From $30, Missearthunitedstates.com
This regional final will determine the representative from each mid-Atlantic state to compete in the Miss Earth United States Pageant in Washington, D.C., later this year. Miss Earth is an international pageant that focuses on environmental causes, and each year's winner becomes the ambassador to worldwide environmental protection campaigns.

MUSIC

Dr. Dog

Thursday, 8 p.m.
The Fillmore Philadelphia
29 E. Allen St.
$32, Thefillmorephilly.com
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Wild Adriatic

Friday, 8:30 p.m.
Milkboy Philly
1100 Chestnut St.
$10, Milkboyphilly.com
Saratoga Springs rock trio Wild Adriatic cites classic rock and soul among their influences, as well as contemporaries My Morning Jacket and Alabama Shakes. Catch them before the head to Europe for a tour. Fellow New Yorkers Animal Years and Philly's own The Wayside Shakeup open.

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Khaner Plays Mozart

Thursday through Mar. 20
Verizon Hall
300 S. Broad St.
From $35,
Kimmelcenter.org
This evening of optimistic, spring-inspired music begins with Bach's Orchestral Suite No. 3, followed by flautist Jeffrey Khaner performing Mozart's energetic and optimistic Flute Concerto No. 1. Haydn's Symphony No. 83, aka "The Hen," concludes the performance.

HISTORY

Fairmount Water Works Family Tours

Thursday through June 25
Fairmount Water Works
640 Water Works Drive
Free, Fairmountwaterworks.org
Tour the Fairmount Water Works and learn about the grounds and history of this National Historic Landmark. A film and a tour will give more detail about the beginnings of the building as a water filtration plant in 1815, to its current use as an urban water education center.

Legendary Civil War Ladies

Sunday, 1 p.m.
Laurel Hill Cemetery
3822 Ridge Ave.
From $9,
Thelaurelhillcemetery.org
Historian Kerry Bryan tells stories about the sacrifice and the struggles of women during the Civil War. In conjunction with this year's One Book Philadelphia selection, "Cold Mountain," she will portray such women as Benjamin Franklin's granddaughter.

HOME

Pruning for the Homeowner

Thursday through Mar. 19
Morris Arboretum
100 E. Northwestern Ave.
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Morrisarboretum.org
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We propose saving the Met for just a few more years and instead taking your brood to a family-friendly children's museum, where just about everything is meant to be touched. Whether your kids are inspired by reptiles, outer space, skyscrapers or puzzles, our favorite children's museums offer plenty of ways to engage young minds.

Please Touch Museum

Where: Philadelphia

Located just outside Philadelphia's Center City in Fairmount Park, the Please Touch Museum, true to its name, welcomes kids to touch everything in sight. Housed in the Beaux Arts-style Memorial Hall, the museum has 157,000 square feet of hands-on exhibits. Kids can sip tea with the Mad Hatter in an "Alice in Wonderland"-themed area or ride a restored 1908 carousel.

Insider tip: Fairmount is Philadelphia's biggest park, spanning more than 9,200 acres; stick around for its playgrounds and the Philadelphia Zoo.

Liberty Science Center

Where: Jersey City, New Jersey

The Skyscraper exhibit, where brave kids can walk across an I-beam suspended 16 feet above the floor, is the largest permanent display here. Also look for exhibitions about Hudson River wildlife, infections or even the Rubik's Cube, and stick around for the IMAX theatre.

Insider tip: Liberty Science Center is home to more than 110 species of animals, including the endangered cotton-top tamarin monkey.

Children's Museum of Indianapolis

Where: Indianapolis, Indiana

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis is often cited as one of the best children's museums in the country, and for good reason. Some of the most popular exhibits include Dinosphere, which showcases Leonardo, the mummified duckbill dinosaur, as well as Dracorex hogwartsia, a newly discovered dinosaur species.

Insider tip: Look out for the museum's resident experts who regularly give talks, like former astronaut David Wolf.

Boston Children's Museum

Where: Boston

Boston Children's Museum is credited with introducing the concept of "hands-on learning." Today it is also a LEED-certified green museum. Permanent exhibits include the Construction Zone, where kids can hop on a Bobcat; an authentic two-story Japanese house; and Johnny's Workbench, a family-friendly workshop area complete with tools and hardware.

Insider tip: The museum is also famous for its giant Hood Milk Bottle landmark. It was originally crafted in 1943, and stands 40 feet high.

The Strong National Museum of Play

Where: Rochester, New York

Set in New York's Finger Lakes region, this museum is fully devoted to the power of play, using play methods as a tool to explore topics like American culture and history. It's also home to the National Toy Hall of Fame and the International Center for the History of Electronic Games. The complex hosts the world's largest collection of toys, dolls and games.

Insider tip: Another perk of visiting: The museum houses a year-round indoor butterfly garden (an additional fee is required).

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Looking for a fresh way to experience Boston's many cultural institutions? Check out these special events geared toward millennials happening this spring.

Third Thursdays at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

Enjoy music and a cash wine bar as you explore the courtyard garden and new wing at the Gardner. Artist talks and activities vary depending on the month. Upcoming themes include Celebrate Dance (March), Fashion Forward (April) and A New Light (May). Tickets are $15.

First Fridays at the Museum of Fine Arts

Start off the weekend with signature cocktails and tapas at the MFA each month from now through June. Tickets are $25, with food and drinks available for purchase.

Astronomy After Hours at the Museum of Science

In the mood for some stargazing? If the weather's good, you're in luck — the Museum of Science offers free access to the Gilliland Observatory every Friday night from the beginning of March through Thanksgiving.

First Fridays at the Institute of Contemporary Art

Every First Friday is different at the ICA. March's "Forever Young" theme will offer DJs spinning and a game room alongside the Walid Raad exhibit, while April's event — which falls on April Fools' Day — includes a performance by Improv Asylum. Tickets are $15.

First Fridays at SoWa Boston

Head to the South End and check out SoWa's many galleries, shops and restaurants on the first Friday of every month. Admission is free.

Glass Flowers Soiree at the Harvard Museum of Natural History

Check out the glass flowers exhibition and many more July 22, when the Harvard Museum of Natural History will open its doors and offer guests signature cocktails and music. Tickets are $25.

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St. Joe's seeks first NCAA Tournament win in more than a decade vs. Bearcats

The Hawks tip off in Spokane, Washington, at 9:57 p.m. Friday.

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Perhaps overlooked amid speculation of the possible Big 5 Brooklyn clash between Temple and Villanova in the NCAA Tournament's second round is the shocking rebirth of the St. Joe's Hawks.

After a dreadful 13-18 season last year, the 27-7 Hawks became one of the nation's most surprising successes in 2015-16, as the squad had the best year of any St. Joe's team since the now legendary 2004 squad. They won the automatic bid that comes from winning the A-10 tournament after they lost three of four key games down the stretch.

"We went through a rough year last year," DeAndre Bembry told reporters. "I'm happy the guys on the team last year got to see a championship this year."

And after taking a long flight out west to Spokane, Washington, Phil Martelli's squad is set to do battle against the AAC's Cincinnati, at 9:57 p.m. on TruTV Friday.

"It's a big dream come true," James Demery told CSNPhilly.com. "I think it's going to be an amazing experience you'll always remember that you experienced in your lifetime."

Demery, A-10 Player of the Year Bembry and the rest of the Hawks will see their offensive attack — averaging a robust 77.6 points per game — pitted against a top-10 defense in the Bearcats. Cincy allows an impressive 62.9 points per game.

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DESPITE BEING TAGGED AS A NO. 8 SEED, THE HAWKS HAVE AN IMPRESSIVE RPI JUST OUTSIDE THE TOP 20.

A few years ago, during the Hawks' most recent trip to the NCAA Tournament, the squad saw their hopes falter in the opening round in a heart-breaking overtime loss to eventual champion UConn.

No St. Joe's team has won an NCAA Tournament game since the '04 squad ran all the way to the Elite Eight.

According to CBS-Sports, 52 percent of bracket pickers currently have the No. 8 Hawks beating the No. 9 Bearcats.

A win Friday would likely slate the Hawks against the West's top seed, Oregon, Sunday evening. GETTY IMAGES

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We'll worry about picking a winner later. For now, here are five possible upsets to keep an eye on — or if you want to be bold, circle them on your bracket.

No. 12 South Dakota State over No. 5 Maryland

The Jackrabbits are a 12-seed despite ranking 28th in RPI. This means, ignoring conference affiliation or a few other indicators the selection committee uses to seed teams, they might be as good as a seven-seed on paper. Maryland is 14th in RPI and has played a battle-tested Big 10 schedule, but history has shown teams from conferences like the Summit League can thwart household names. South Dakota State is also 14-7 on the road or on a neutral court while Maryland is 9-7 in the same circumstance (with a losing record on the road).

No. 11 Northern Iowa over No. 6 Texas

Northern Iowa was inconsistent during its regular season, needing to win the Mountain Valley Conference Tournament to secure a bid. But look at their list of accomplishments: They beat No. 1 North Carolina, No. 5 Iowa State, No. 25 Wichita State (in two of three meetings) and are also 12-1 in their last 13. Facing the red-hot Panthers, Texas will have

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No. 10 VCU over No. 7 Oregon State
Even as the lower-seeded team. VCU has been picked by 56 percent of bracket-makers so far. They have the nation's 33rd best RPI, two behind Oregon State's 31st and are battle-tested in the A-10. The Beavers are making their first appearance in the dance in 26 years and cling to an impressive 11th best strength of schedule (compared to the Rams' 59th best). Oregon State also allows just two fewer points per game than they average on offense.

No. 13 Stony Brook over No. 4 Kentucky
That's right folks, Kentucky is at risk here. And you have Jameel Warney to thank. One of the nation's most underrated rebounders and scorers, the Seawolves' star is about to break into the mainstream looking to follow up his ridiculous 43 point, 10 rebound night over Vermont to win the America East Conference Tournament. Kentucky has been inconsistent during a down-season in the SEC. Watch out, Wildcat faithful.

Gonzaga's Kyle Wiltjer won't rest until the Zags wrack up yet another deep NCAA Tournament run. GETTY IMAGES

No. 11 Gonzaga over No. 6 Seton Hall
Seton Hall has momentum on its side after a high-touted upset win against Villanova in the Big East finals. But Gonzaga has momentum as well — just Pacific Northwest, low-key momentum. The Zags are in their 18th straight NCAA Tournament and have won five straight. They are also following up last year's Elite Eight run with much of the same squad. The pressure could get to the Pirates, who are just happy to be in the field.

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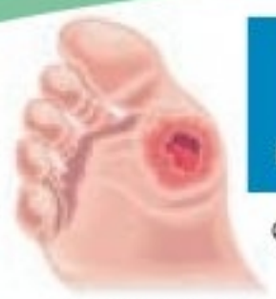

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The **Committee on Streets and Services** of the Council of the City of Philadelphia will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, March 22, 2016,** at **10:00 AM,** in **Room 400, City Hall,** to hear testimony on the following items:

160097 An Ordinance amending Section 9-213 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Farmers' Markets," by adding a permissible location, all under certain terms and conditions.

160112 An Ordinance authorizing Dr. Jack Carroll for Magee Rehabilitation Hospital to construct, own, and maintain a liquid oxygen tank and the construction of an associated masonry enclosure at 1513 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102, all under certain terms and conditions.

160131 An Ordinance authorizing the installation of all-way stop signs at the intersection of 22nd Street and Porter Street.

160145 An Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 44 by placing on the City Plan Thirty-Seventh Street from Market Street to Filbert Street and from Filbert Street to Warren Street, Cuthbert Street from Thirty-Seventh Street to Thirty-Eighth Street, north of Filbert Street, and Warren Street from Thirty-Seventh Street to Thirty-Eighth Street, all under certain terms and conditions, including the dedication to the City of the said beds of Thirty-Seventh Street, Cuthbert Street, and Warren Street.

160146 An Ordinance authorizing the paving of Thirty-Seventh Street from Market Street to Filbert Street and from Filbert Street to Warren Street, Cuthbert Street from Thirty-Seventh Street to Thirty-Eighth Street, and Warren Street from Thirty-Seventh Street to Thirty-Eighth Street, under certain terms and conditions.

160147 An Ordinance establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Pine street and 45th street; Melville street and Locust street.

160148 An Ordinance authorizing Rachel Miller of Best Partners LP, ("Owner") to install, own and maintain an open-air sidewalk café at 4301 Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19104 ("Property"), under certain terms and conditions.

160169 An Ordinance legalizing an existing six foot (6') wooden fence at 841-43 N. Opal Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130, all under certain terms and conditions.

Immediately following the public hearing, a meeting of the Committee on Streets and Services, open to the public, will be held to consider the action to be taken on the above listed items.

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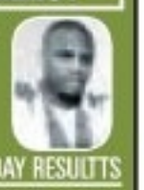

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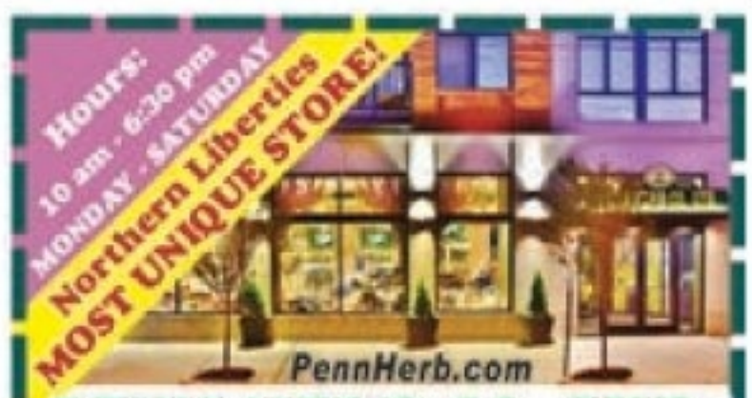

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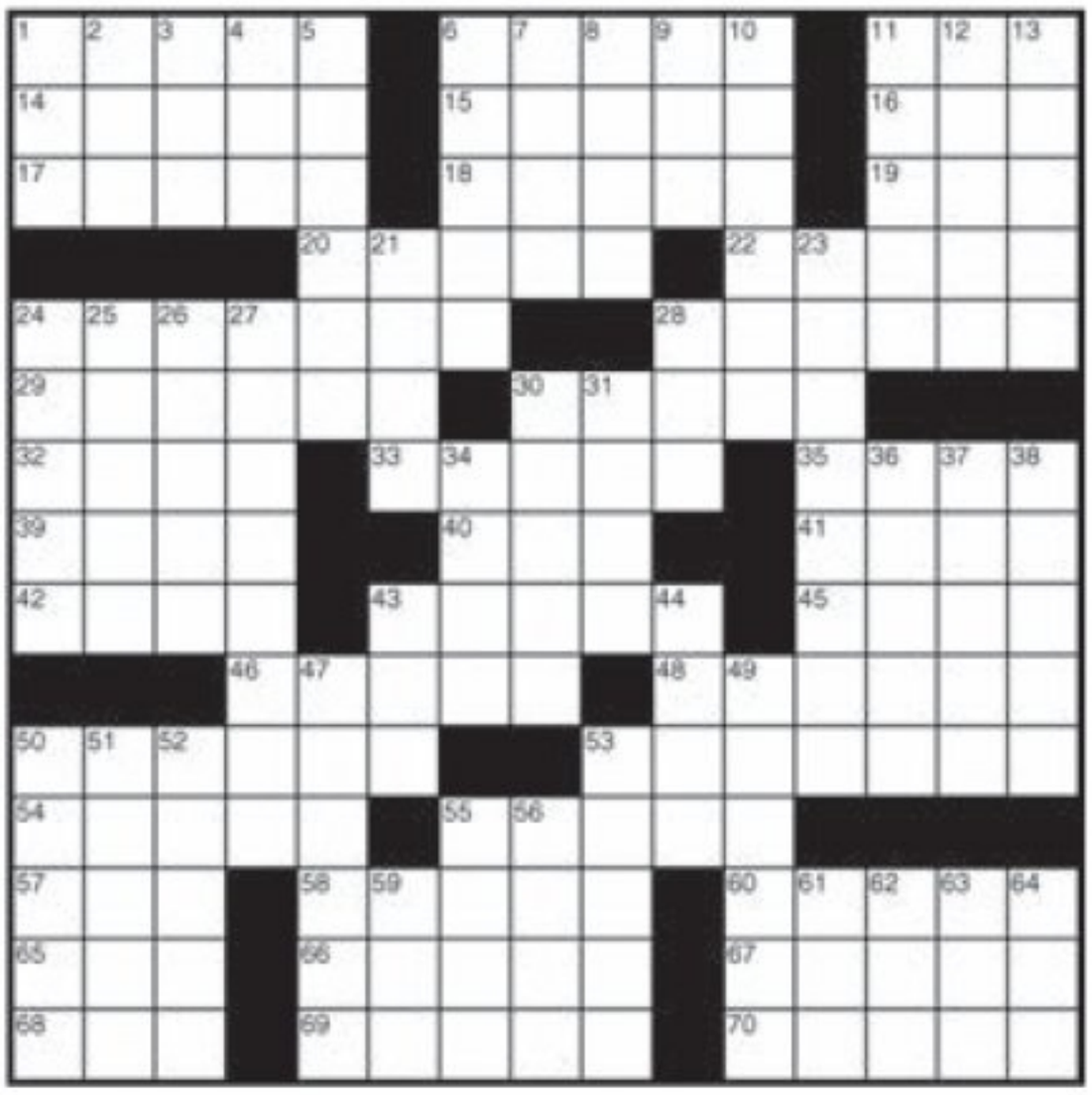

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38 Rodeo mount
43 Advantages
44 McCloud's hometown
47 Sirens
49 Watched
50 Trouser feature
51 Paranormal, to some
52 Seeing red
53 Ruminates
55 Ankle-length
56 Skip over
59 Dinny's rider
61 Tarzan's nanny
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63 Interest amt.
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Aries Don't let emotional issues cloud your vision. Concentrate on what's important and what you are supposed to accomplish. Stay on track and you'll stay on top.

Taurus Home improvements will make your life easier and more comfortable. Participating in activities with family or friends will help you develop more intimate relationships.

Gemini Taking on nearly impossible responsibilities will cause disputes with people who have come to expect too much from you. Stop making promises that are overly difficult to keep.

Cancer Plan to enjoy what life has to offer with someone you love spending time with. A relaxing day filled with good conversation and shared dreams will lead to good times ahead.

Leo Take on a challenge that will test your skills and knowledge. You will discover the changes you need to implement in order to achieve a personal or professional goal.

Virgo Think matters through and head in a direction that will please everyone, including yourself. Balance and moderation will be a must if you plan to be successful.

Libra If you make certain adjustments, you will avoid an emotional confrontation. Once you have taken into account the needs of those affected by your choices, you'll be able to move forward.

Scorpio Socialize with people who have something unique to offer. Your ability to mirror the talents that others possess will bring unexpected compensation. Romance is highlighted.

Sagittarius Don't fold under pressure. Make it clear what you will and will not do. Walk away from any situation or person that might jeopardize your reputation or future progress.

Capricorn Share your feelings in order to find solutions. If you explore a certain relationship, you will find common ground that will lead to promising results.

Aquarius Pick up an old project and revamp it to suit current trends. Your originality will help you bring about change that will make a difference. Set a goal and follow through.

Pisces Use your imagination to guide you to creative people and projects that will inspire you to develop your own ideas and pursuits. Emphasize kindness in order to avoid disputes. **EUGENIA LAST**

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